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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, I SOUGHT APPOINTMENT THIS MORNING WITH FONMIN ALLON TO DISCUSS LATEST TURN IN AMOCO CASE. ALLON WAS IN GALILEE ATTENDING FUNERAL AND ACCORDING TO FONOFF NOT ACCESSIBLE UNTIL EVENING.

2. ACCORDINGLY I DISCUSSED ISSUE WITH EVRON--HIGHEST RANKING FONOFF OFFICIAL AVAILABLE--ALONG LINES HABIB DEMARCHE TO BAR-ON. I TOLD EVRON THAT WE HAD CONVEYED TO AMOCO ISRAELI POSITION CONCERNING SITE 304-1, THAT AMOCO NONETHELESS INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH ORIGINAL DRILLING PLANS, AND THAT WE URGED THE ISRAELIS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH AMOCO'S OPERATIONS. IN RESPONSE, EVRON REITERATED POSITION CONVEYED TO HABIB BY BAR-ON, POINTING OUT THAT ISRAELI GOVT FEELS STRONGLY THAT IT CANNOT JEOPARDIZE ITS LEGAL POSITION IN THE GULF AND EXHIBIT WEAKNESS WHICH MIGHT HAVE UNFORTUNATE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES AND THAT AMOCO SHOULD BE AGAIN URGED TO CONFINE ITS OPERATIONS WEST OF THE MEDIAN LINE. I TOLD EVRON THAT OUR COMPELLING CONCERN AT THE MOMENT SHOULD BE TO AVOID ACTIONS IN THE GULF WHICH WOULD CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, AND I ASKED HIM TO CONVEY THIS POSITION TO HIS FONMIN SOONEST, STRESSING THAT I HAD SOUGHT APPOINTMENT WITH ALLON PERSONALLY IN ORDER TO

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UNDERLINE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHED TO ISSUE. EVRON SAID HE WOULD

DO SO.

3. I FEAR DESPITE EFFORTS IN WASHINGTON AND HERE THAT WE FACE
UNPLEASANTNESS IN THE GULF. AS SO OFTEN IN THE PAST BOTH
SIDES ARE BEHAVING LIKE CHILDREN.
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